

**Interagency Council on Homelessness
Youth Sub-Committee Inaugural Meeting
Meeting Notes
July 19, 2010**

I. Overview of ICH Sub-Committee Discussion

- A. The Community Partnership gave an overview of the youth specific data currently captured in the Annual Point in Time Survey, and the youth focused participants that provide this data (LAYC, Sasha Bruce, Covenant House, THE).
- B. The group held a brainstorming session to identify who from DC Providers and Government Agencies should be at the table to help develop a Youth Focused Framework to End Homelessness. Please contact Maggie with additional thoughts/partners to be at the table (because a few were stated, but I didn't get them down fast enough)
 - i. CFSA, DOES, DMH
 - ii. Public Housing Authority
 - iii. DHS-Diversion Program
 - iv. Perrys School
 - v. SMYAL
 - vi. Hips
 - vii. Courtney's House
 - viii. MPD
 - ix. NAMI
 - x. Marshall Heights Development Center/UPO
- C. Maggie Riden of DCAYA gave a brief overview on where we stand in coordinating and executing the Youth Focused Point in Time
 - i. DCAYA has spoken with the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy at George Washington University about partnering with DCAYA and the ICH to complete a youth focused PIT. They are very interested and will be setting up a meeting in the coming few weeks to discuss what this partnership would look like in more detail. The timeline for this PIT would be to sample the survey protocol during the annual HUD PIT, and execute it fully in mid-spring. The PIT model we are considering using is based on survey protocols and methodologies used in Minnesota, Baltimore and Denver. It is an extended PIT (over a 1-2 week period) that uses a specific unique identifier to minimize replication. For more detail, or if you have questions, please contact Maggie Riden at DCAYA.
 - ii. This data will provide a baseline estimate and insights on the homeless youth population in DC. This information will be used to inform the framework, identify strengths and weaknesses of

existing youth specific services, and guide policies and practice moving forward.

- iii. The DCAYA Subcommittee on Youth Homelessness reviewed a variety of definitions of unaccompanied homeless youth and proposed the following:

- 1. Children and Youth through age 17 who are living apart from their parents or guardians and young adults between 18-24 who are economically and/or emotionally detached from their families and lack an adequate or fixed residence. This includes: Children and youth who are unstably housed, living in doubled up circumstances, in transitional housing programs, emergency shelters or on the street.

II. Outline of the Process Moving Forward

- A. Identify Key Stakeholders to participate in ICH Sub-Committee Discussions and Development of Framework (started this today, will be an ongoing conversation)
- B. Amanda Jones will develop a matrix of existing youth service providers before the next meeting
- C. Hold monthly ICH Sub-Committee Meetings to flesh out identified priority areas. (the dates of the next two meetings will be confirmed and sent out ASAP). DC Government Agencies and Providers will provide input on what they are currently doing on these areas, ways they coordinate (or could coordinate) between agencies/Community providers to more effectively address these priority areas, gaps/areas in need of attention or refinement. These discussions will inform the drafting of the Youth Specific Framework. The priority areas we will discuss include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Prevention
 - ii. Housing
 - iii. Supportive Services
 - iv. Planning and Awareness
 - v. Outreach
- D. Continue to plan and work to execute the youth specific Point in Time Survey to be sampled in January and executed fully in March of 2011. More details on this process will be provided as available.
- E. Using the drafted framework and the PIT Data the ICH Sub-committee will develop, review and revise the framework.